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Pacifist Witness Gives View CIA In on Assassinations

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WASHINGTON—Veteran pacifist and antiwar leader David
Dellinger said Wednesday that
the Central Intelligence Agency
may have been involved in the
assassinations of President John
Kennedy and black militant
Malcolm X.

Dellinger made the statement about the CIA at a House un-American Activities Committee hearing as he also asserted that there is a plot to "eliminate" young black leaders.

'The CIA has been assassinating people throughout the world for too many years," Dellinger said. "Wa can't, do that abroad without sooner or later doing it in this country."

ASKED IF he were accusing the CIA of involvement in the two murders, Dellinger said, "we don't know," then added that there are "some very disturbing aspects" about the deaths of Kennedy and Malcolm X. Based on his own studies, he said, "some governmental or quasigovernmental agency" was involved, at least in Malcolm X's murder.

The disgression about the CIA and the assassinations came during a hearing that was supposed to deal with Communist and other subversive involve;

ment in the bloody demonstrations in Chicago at the time of the Democratic National Convention.

During 3½ hours, Dellinger, 53 and balding, talked less about the Chicago demonstrations—of which he was the national chairman—than about World War II, Korea, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and, most of all, Vietnam.

Dellinger, who served three years in jail for refusing to register for the draft just before World War II, described himself as "a pacifist by politics and religion" and as "a nonviolent revolutionist."

AS AN OLDER generation member of the new left, he described "the movement" as an attempt to "introduce economic democracy and extend political democracy," not to seize but to "decentralize and democratize power."

Rarely raising his voice, he called HUAC "illegal, immoral"... and largely ineffective" and said he therefore did not hesitate to testify under subpoena.

Dellinger, who is editor of Liberation, a leftist magazine, also is chairman of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, which sponsored and organized the Chicago antiwar demonstrations.

He described the National Mobilization as an "organic but somewhat informal" organization that "differs somewhat in style from the old left or the establishment or other forms of conventional politics." He said the group raises money, as it is needed, from more than 100 constituent organizations and from sympathetic individuals.

Dellinger said he is not a bookkeeper and does not know how much the demonstrations cost, but he said a "considerable deficit" of "at least several thousand dollars" was incurred.